

S. Farrer's Imp^{ts} in Spoons.

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Fig. 1.

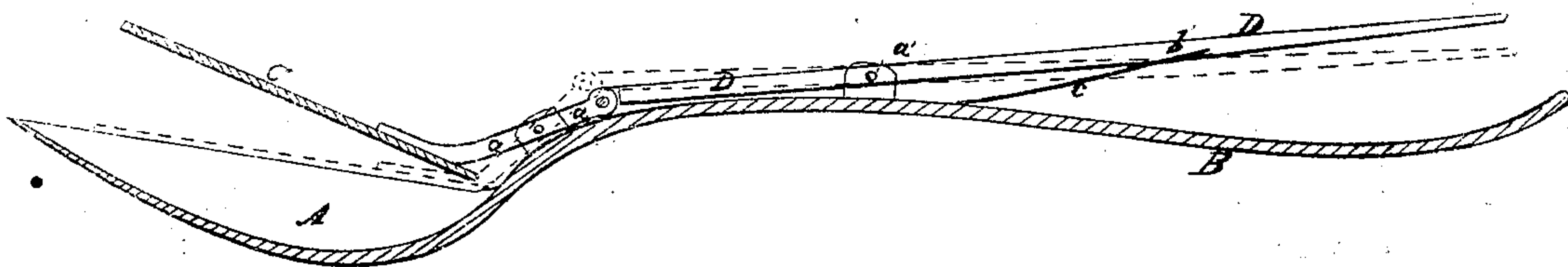
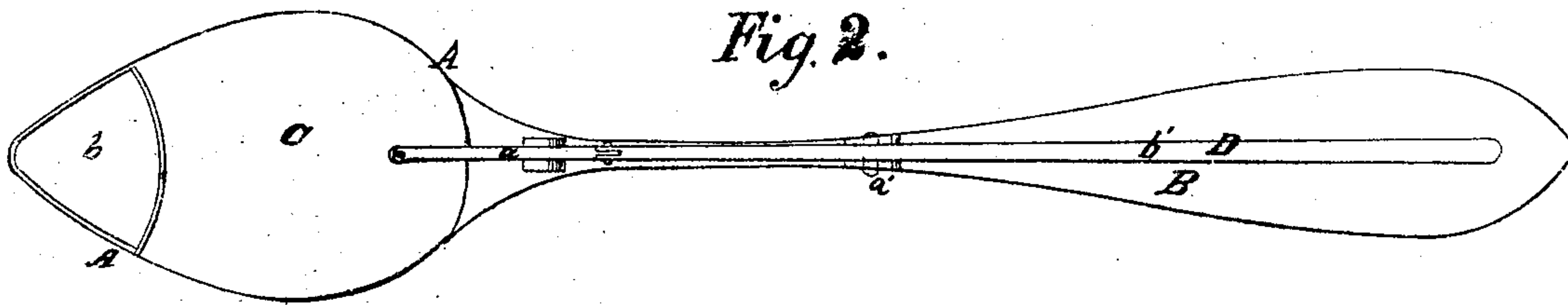


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SPOONS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, SOLON FARRER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spoons; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making a portion of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of a spoon made according to my invention.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

The object of this invention is to provide a spoon, by means of which soup, medicines, &c., may be carried to the mouth without liability of being spilled, or of soiling the moustache, when such is worn by the person using the spoon.

The invention consists in a movable cover, so combined with the bowl of the spoon that it may cover the greater portion thereof when the same is filled, thereby securing the object mentioned.

The invention further consists in the combination of a lever and a spring with the spoon and the cover, in such manner that the latter may be very readily manipulated to close or open the bowl of the spoon when the spoon is in use.

To enable others to understand the nature and construction of my invention, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the drawings.

A shows the bowl of the spoon, and B the handle of the same, these parts being of any ordinary or suitable construction. At the inner end of the handle, at a little distance from the bowl, is pivoted a short arm, *a*, having attached to its outer end a flat plate or cover, C, which is of such length as to cover the bowl A, except at the end or side portion thereof, at which an opening is thus left or provided, as shown at *b*. D represents a lever, pivoted to the upper side of the handle by a transverse pivot, *a'*, and pivoted at its inner end to the adjacent extremity of the arm *a* of the cover C, and having its outer portion, *b'*, forced upward or away from the handle by a spring, *c*, in such manner as to tilt the arm *a*, to lift or bring the cover C up or from the bowl to uncover the same, as represented in fig. 1, in which open condition the spoon may be dipped in the soup or other liquid to be carried thereby, which being done, the bowl of the spoon is conveyed to the mouth, simultaneously with which the thumb is pressed upon the outer portion *b'* of the lever D, to bring the same toward the handle B, thus bringing the cover down upon the bowl, as shown in fig. 2, and also indicated by the red outline in fig. 1. The cover, by covering the greater portion of the bowl while it is being brought to the mouth, obviates all liability of spilling the soup, medicine, or other liquid, and furthermore, prevents the moustache, when such is worn by the person using the spoon, from coming in contact with and being soiled by the contents of the spoon, such contents being passed into the mouth through the space or opening at *b*, at the outer end or side portion of the bowl.

The cover C, being very readily operated or manipulated by means of the lever D, the spoon may be used with very great convenience, and furthermore, the cover C being attached to the arm *a*, instead of having its inner end pivoted direct to the spoon, such inner end is allowed to rise somewhat when the cover is brought away from the bowl, thereby enabling the pivot or joint upon which the arm *a*, or in other words the cover, works, to be easily kept clean.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The movable cover, in combination with the bowl of the spoon, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. The combination, with the spoon and the movable cover, of the lever D and spring *c*, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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